IX edition of the VCGM moot court competition on the International Criminal Court

The Latin American Council of Scholars of International and Comparative Law, Mexico (COLADIC MX) and the University of Utrecht, in cooperation with the National Institute for Criminal Sciences of Mexico (INACIPE) will host the Ninth edition of the International Competition: “Víctor Carlos García Moreno, International Criminal Court Proceedings (VCGM)”, to be held in Mexico City from the 16th to 20th of August of 2010 (the registration deadline is 30 June 2010). This inter-university competition, that is conducted in the Spanish language and whose first edition dates back to 2002, is the first global competition that has focused on the proceedings of the judicial institution that currently plays a vital role within the international community, the International Criminal Court. The competition is accompanied by a parallel Academic Programme, for the participating teams, on the relationship between the International Criminal Court, the Inter-American System of Human Rights and National Jurisdictions.

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The main official documents of the competition are the following:

1. Call for Registration and Registration Procedure (pdf) / Anuncio Público de Convocatoria y Procedimiento de Registro (pdf)
2. Academic Programme (pdf) / Programa Academico (pdf)
3. Case / Caso (pdf)

More information about the competition and its academic programme can be found at: COLADIC MX (www.coladicmx.org) or at Utrecht University (www.uu.nl/iccmootcompetition).